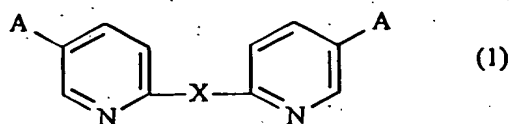
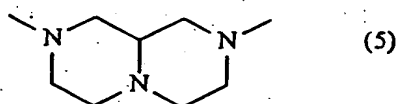
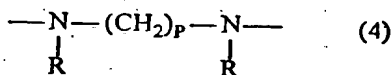
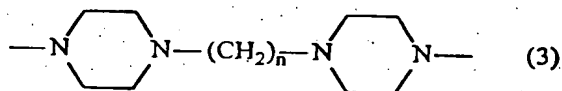
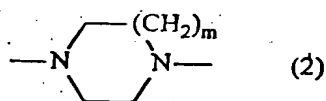


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A bis(5-aryl-2-pyridyl) compound represented by formula (1) or a salt thereof:



wherein A is a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, and X is a group selected from the group consisting of moieties having formulas (2) to (5):



wherein, in formula (2), m is an integer of 1 or 2; in formula (3), n is an integer of 1 to 6; and in formula (4), R is hydrogen or a lower alkyl group and p is an integer of 1 to 6.